

Borough of Longport TOWN TOPICS

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Borough of Longport Newsletter June 2019

Welcoming Summer in Longport

Everyone looks forward to summer in Longport. With warmer weather already here and, hopefully, many more sunny days ahead, there are lots of ways to enjoy the season. This year, there is an online application for the Longport Volunteer Fire Department's **All American Mile**. The event has been held for the past 27 years and draws more than 1,000 participants each year. This summer the race will start and end near the



Longport Historical Society Museum. The race starts at 6:30 pm on July 4th. For more information or to register please visit **www.longportnj.gov**. An open house, also held on July 4th, takes place at the Longport Police Department, the Longport Volunteer Fire Department and the Longport Historical Society from 10 am to 12 noon.



Members of the Herb Stern Scholarship Foundation presented scholarship recipients with awards at the June 5, 2019 Borough of Longport Commissioners Meeting. Recipients include: Raquel Gresham, Sophia Gresham, Ethan Kramer, Owen Kramer, Wyatt Kramer, Christian Kuhn, Kallista Kuhn, Georgina McGuckin, Michael O'Leary, Thomas Rafter, Tanner Tomassi, Nalu Tripician, and Natalie Viso.

The Mummers are coming to Longport Aug. 3rd!

The Longport Historical Society is sponsoring a new summer event for all to enjoy. Members of the String Band Division of the Mummers will perform at 7 pm on Aug. 3rd behind Borough Hall located at 2305 Atlantic Ave.



The event is free and all are invited to come welcome the Mummers to Longport. Refreshments will be available starting at 6 pm.

On New Year's Day 2020, the Mummers Parade will be celebrating 120 years of being a part of Philadelphia's traditional parade that includes nearly 12,000 participants.

Information provided by the Mummers Museum to learn more please visit **mummersmuseum.com**.

Save the Date ... 2019 for Upcoming Events in Longport

JULY

- 7/4 Open house from 10 to 12 noon at the Longport Police Department, Longport Volunteer Fire Department, Longport Historical Society
- 7/4— All American Mile Run at 6:30 pm beginning at the Longport Historical Society
- 7/5— Open house at the Longport Historical Society— 5 to 7 pm
- 7/5— Longport Beach Patrol "Capt. Michael McGrath" Longport Memorials at 6:30 pm at 33rd Avenue and the beach.
- 7/10—Longport Beach Patrol "Women's Lifeguard Invitational" at 6:30 pm at 33rd Avenue and the beach.
- 7/24—Swimming Safety Clinic—sponsored by the Longport

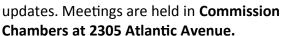
 Beach Patrol at 10:30 am at 33rd Avenue and the beach.
- 7/27—Longport Police Benevolent Association #363
 Charles T. Adams Memorial Miniature Golf Tournament at 35th Avenue Gazebo.
- 7/27—Captain Turner Memorial Swim—at 6:30 pm at 33rd Avenue and the beach.
- 7/31—Surfing Safety Clinic— sponsored by the Longport Beach Patrol at 10:30 am at 32nd Avenue and the beach. Participants must bring their own surf/boogie board.

AUGUST

- 8/3— Mummers String Band sponsored by the Longport
 Historical Society—7 pm behind Longport
 Borough Hall at 2305 Atlantic Avenue.
 Refreshments beginning at 6 pm.
- 8/4— Blood Pressure Screenings—at 11 am at the Longport Beach Patrol Headquarters located at 33rd Avenue and the beach.
- 8/9— South Jersey Lifeguard Championships hosted by the Longport Beach Patrol at 6:30 pm at 33rd Avenue and the beach.

Board of Commissioners Meeting Dates 2019

Please be sure to visit Longport's website at www.longportnj.gov for additional meeting dates and



Year 2019

July 10 - Commission Meeting 4:30 pm

July 24 - Commission Meeting 4:30 pm

August 1 - Workshop Meeting 8:30 am

August 7 - Commission Meeting 4:30 pm

August 21- Commission Meeting 4:30 pm

September 5 - Workshop Meeting 9 am

September 18 - Commission Meeting 4:30 pm

Summer Library Programs

The library unveils summer hours and its summer reading program.

Library summer hours start Sunday, June 23 and go until Sept. 1. The library will be open on Sunday from 11-3, Monday and Tuesday from 9-8, Wednesday-Saturday from 9-5.

Summer reading signups are happening now. This program is open to children, tweens/teens, and adults with prizes for everyone. The more books you read, the more prizes you get!

Summer reading kickoff party is Friday, June 28th from 3-5. There will be face painting, a balloon artist, and magic show. There will be children's programs all summer long.

The library has authors and concerts happening all summer long. Give us a call at (609) 487-7403 or visit our website, https://www.longportpubliclibrary.org for additional information.

- 8/10—Longport Fireworks Display beginning at dusk and sponsored the Longport Volunteer Fire Department. (Fireworks rain date— 8/11)
- 8/23—Longport Beach Patrol "Hammer Row" at 6:15 pm at the Seaview Harbor beach.

SEPTEMBER

- 9/1— Art Show sponsored by the Longport Historical Society on the front lawn from 9 am to 1 pm
- 9/7— Annual Longport Beach Patrol Mascot Races— for children up to age 13. Sign up at 33rd Avenue and the beach at 10:30 am. Race begins at 11 am.
- 9/11—9/11 Ceremony sponsored by the American Legion Post #469 beginning at 9 am at the Thomas B. Reed Park located at 28th and Ventnor avenues.

The Longport Junior Police

In October of 1936, Longport boys were promised a football if no property damage occurred in the borough during mischief week. The boys earned their football and they were promised more equipment for their police sponsored football and baseball team called the Longport Rascals.

By the end of 1936, Chief Richard DePamphilis Sr. also organized Longport's first Junior Police unit. To join the group, each child had to pass a test on laws and regulations enforcing public safety. If successful, he was presented with a genuine metal badge only slightly smaller than the one worn by the four adult Longport patrolmen, but nonetheless impressive. A reward of \$10.00 was offered to junior members for giving information about law breakers.

In January of 1937 the Chief suspended his ten-year-old son Richard Jr. from the Junior Force. Richard had broken one of the 18 rules for members – that of obedience to parents. At a meeting of the Junior Police, he was found guilty of sneaking off to play before completing a chore for his mother. His punishment was suspension from the rifle range, the sports program, and from visiting Longport Police Headquarters for 2 weeks.

The Chief stated in a 1940 news article that the youth of Longport could assist his department by reporting infractions they witnessed. Each member of the squad was given a code number known only to the child and the chief. When reporting suspicious activity, the junior member used

his code and did not need to sign his name.

By 1941, the Junior Police membership had grown to 29 boys and girls ages 8 to 16. Some of the members had .21 caliber rifles for target practice. The rifles of Junior Policemen were kept at Police Headquarters. Children were permitted to use them only at the semi-monthly target practice on the police target range at the original Borough Hall at 15th Avenue.

By 1949 the Junior Police Club no longer had group activities, but was used to promote good relationships between Longport youth and the Police Department. Upon completion of a written application, children were fingerprinted, awarded their metal badge, and given a tour of the Police Department and the jail cells.

The Longport Historical Society Museum has over 200 applications of local and summer youth from 1949 through the early 1960's. We also display several original metal badges. Former members of the Junior Police often ask for a copy of their cards. To see their parents' signature from 60 years ago brings back memories of carefree summers in Longport.

The Longport Historical Society Museum and The Porch Store are open on summer Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Come see Michael Cohen's video "Longport – The Way We Were".

Thanks to the Longport Library for their showcase dedicated to displays from the museum and for including our events in their digital newsletter.

Mary Sue Lovett – Museum Curator

Mayor's Corner

Water Conservation Efforts Prove Successful

In 2016 and 2017, the Borough of Longport passed ordinances to help conserve water. In 2016, an ordinance Mayor Nick Russo was adopted implementing watering



restrictions during the summer season from May 15th through Sept. 15th. Watering is permitted on certain days determined by your address: odd numbered addresses are permitted to water lawns and landscaping on Mon., Wed., and Fri.; even numbered addresses on Tues., Thurs., and Sat. The hours for sprinkler usage are from 4 to 7 am and from 7 to 9 pm. Watering is not permitted on Sundays. Sprinkling is limited to a one 15-minute period per zone. In 2017, an ordinance was approved that required the installation of rain sensors on irrigation systems. Sprinklers should not be on while it is raining.

These measures have reduced water use by 20% during the time when the most excess water is used in the borough from May 1 through Sept. 30. In 2016, approximately 76 million gallons of water was used. In 2017 (after the restrictions were adopted), water usage dropped to roughly 63 million gallons. In 2018, the amount was an estimated 60 million gallons. Keep up the good work protecting our most precious natural resource!

STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS IN THE CROSSWALKS!

It's The Law!

MOTORISTS in New Jersey MUST stop for pedestrians in a marked crosswalk. Failure to observe the law may subject you to one or more of the following:



- Two (2) Points, \$200 Fine (plus court costs)
- 15 Days of Community Service
- Insurance Surcharges New Jersey Statute 39:4-36.

The driver of a vehicle must stop and stay stopped for a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk, but shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, except at crosswalks where the movement of traffic is being regulated by police officers or traffic control signals, or where otherwise prohibited by municipal, county, or State regulation, and except where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided, but no pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield. Whenever any vehicle is stopped to permit a pedestrian to

cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle. For more information on crosswalk regulations please visit www.longportnj.gov.



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OUR LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD: "Your property is in the Special Flood Hazard Area as mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency."

All of the Borough of Longport is located in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), which means that it is at or below the 100 year flood level. Longport is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on one side and Risley's Channel the bay, on the other, Longport is susceptible to flooding. Flooding can be caused by hurricanes, tropical storms, coastal storms, commonly referred to as Northeasters, and occasional high tides with heavy rain events. The island is not flat! The ground elevation is higher at the beach and slopes downhill towards the bay. That elevation difference can be as much as 5'. During a storm event flood waters can fill the streets and low lying areas from (2) feet beach block with wave action and up to four (5) feet of water bay side, depending on the elevation of the ground. During the Hurricane of 1944, March 1962 storm, December storm of 1992, and Hurricane Sandy, all of Longport was flooded.

HIGH WATER MARK INITIATIVE

Longport has placed High Water Mark signs at the Gazebo on 17th Ave., in front of the Historical Society, the Gazebo at 35th and Amherst Avenue and in the park at 29th & Ventnor Ave. The signs show and are a permanent reminder of how high the flood waters were at those locations during "Sandy October 29th, 2012."

The goal of this outreach initiative is to draw attention to Longport's flood risk by showcasing how high the water has come and encourage you to take steps to reduce your risk.

Take a minute and consider how a major flood will impact you, your family and your property.

Additional info -www.longportnj.gov/flood information

WHY I NEED FLOOD INSURANCE Some people think they don't need flood insurance because they believe Federal Disaster Assistance will come to their aid. But floods are not always declared a Federal Disaster and when they are, aid is usually in the form of a loan, which must be paid back with interest. Flood insurance pays for all covered losses, and, unlike loans, that money doesn't have to be paid back. You can cover your home's structure for up to \$ 250,000 and its contents for up to \$ 100,000. For businesses, structural and contents coverage are available up to \$ 500,000. Don't count on others to financially protect your home or business. Take the initiative to protect your investment yourself.

WHY RISK THE CONSEQUENCES? Just a few inches of water can cost thousands of dollars in damage to wall, floors, furniture, carpets, and appliances. Flood insurance can help you avoid the financial consequences of a flood – and gain peace of mind.

HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE DOES NOT COVER damages due to floods. ALL OF LONGPORT is located within a Special Flood Hazard Area and you have a 1 in 4 chance of experiencing a flood over the life of a 30-year mortgage. The cost of flood insurance depends on your risk. Unless you are a high risk property, flood insurance is surprisingly affordable.

DON'T'T WAIT UNTIL A FLOOD IS IMMINENT! If you wait until a flood is on the way, you will be too late. In most cases, it takes 30 days after the purchase for a policy to take effect. To assess your flood risk, find an agent, and get more information, visit www.FloodSmart.gov





KNOW YOUR FLOOD RISK - The new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) denotes that Longport has three flood zones. An AE 9, AE10 & AE11. The Borough Building Department 609 823 2731 ext. 120 offers "Map Information Service Assistance" to all borough residents. We provide you the following information:

- Our Community Number, Map Panel Number & Suffix
- The date of the FIRM'S Index (cover panel)
- The FIRM Zone you are located in either AE, Velocity Zone or Coastal A Zone
- The base flood information (depth in AE Zones where shown on the map
- The elevation datum used on the FIRM
- The minimum first floor height required for your flood zone
- Copies of Elevation Certificates, if we have them on file, in the Building Department
- Copies of Elevation Certificates are also available via <u>www.longportnj.gov</u>, home page bottom, just click on elevation certificates, go to your block & lot
- The building department can also provide assistance to help lower your flood insurance premiums and provide information on flood mitigation



Make a Disaster Preparedness Plan

Know What to Do in Case of Emergency - It is important to make sure that the entire family is prepared and informed in the event of a disaster or emergency. You may not always be together when these events take place and should have plans for making sure you are able to contact and find one another.

- Meet with your family or household members.
- Discuss how to prepare and respond to emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, learn, work and play.
- Identify responsibilities for each member of your household and plan to work together as a team.
- If a family member is in the military, plan how you would respond if they were deployed.

Plan what to do in case you are separated during an emergency -

Choose two places to meet:

Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, such as a fire and outside your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate

Choose an out-of-area emergency contact person. It may be easier to text or call long distance if local phone lines are overloaded or out of service. Everyone should have emergency contact information in writing or saved on their cell phones. Know where to go and how to get there if told to evacuate. Make sure you have a Grab-N-Go Bag with Emergency Supplies!

Preparing Makes Sense – Get Ready Now!

For additional information go to -

www.ready.gov



For Emergency Announcements!

What is CodeRED? Code Red is an emergency notification service that allows our emergency officials to notify our residents & businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message, email and social media regarding time-sensitive general and emergency notifications. When will CodeRed be used? Any message regarding the safety, property or welfare of the Borough will be disseminated using the CodeRED system. These may include severe weather, notifications of hazardous conditions, AMBER alerts and/or evacuation notices.

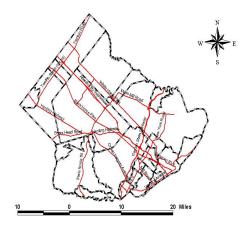
We encourage all residents and businesses to go to the *Borough* website, www.longportnj.gov click on the CodeRED logo located on the home page. Enter your contact information, including additional phone numbers, and text and email addresses in order to ensure all of the data in our system is accurate and current. If you are not in the CodeRED database, you will not be called!

FLOOD WARNING: When the possibility of flooding may exist, the National Weather Service Office issues flood watches and warnings at www.weather.gov. All regional and local television and radio stations carry such warnings. This information is transmitted on the NOAA Radio Station, 162.400 MHZ. When a warning is received emergency announcements will be provided by EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT via CodeRed, EMERGENCY BROADCAST Broadcast Radio 1630 am, and Comcast Cable Television Channel 92.

Additionally, Longport's emergency warning system consisting of two sirens with voice over-ride will be activated informing residents of the emergency. The warning system will provide residents with appropriate instructions and necessary precautions. Longport Emergency Management can additionally activate Police and/or Fire Department Vehicles with PA capacity to advise residents of any major flood event and the need to evacuate when an evacuation order or advisory is issued.

Additional information www.longportnj.gov

Atlantic County Evacuation Routes



WWW.READYATLANTIC.ORG

Atlantic County's one-stop emergency information resource! Click "GO" to start your preparedness efforts!

When you are told to evacuate, know where you going, how to get there and once there tell your family and friends that you are there! Prepare and take with you your Grab & GO Bag containing emergency supplies, medications, important papers, credit cards and cash!

SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRATION:

As part of Atlantic County's Disaster Preparedness Plan, we have developed a Special Needs Register for Residents who may have difficulty evacuating. ARE YOU ELIGIBLE? You are eligible if you have no place to go during an emergency and have a disability covered under the Americans With Disabilities Act or require additional assistance due to the following conditions; history of stroke, hearing, vision or speech impaired, frail elderly, walking limitation, severe breathing problem, wheelchair, cane or walker use, heart problem, mentally challenged - to register go to Borough Web Home Page – click on Register Ready!



PREPARING FOR A FLOOD -

- Make an itemized list of personal property well in advance
- Photograph or video the inside and outside of your home
- Keep insurance, important documents, and other valuables in a safe deposit box
- Assemble a disaster supplies kit
- Find out where you can go if ordered to evacuate
- Make a keep-in-touch arrangement with relatives and friends



DURING A FLOOD -

- Avoid flooded areas
- 6" of fast moving water can knock you off your feet and 2' of water will float your car.
- Never try to walk, swim or drive through such swift water.
- TURN-A-ROUND DON'T DROWN
- Stay away from downed wires
- If you leave your home, turn off the electric at the main.
- Listen closely to radio, television, and emergency communication for the need to evacuate
- Monitor Longport's web site for important emergency notifications www.longportnj.gov

AFTER A FLOOD -

- If you were injured seek medical care immediately
- If you need food, clothing, shelter and first aid they are available at the nearest shelter
- Make sure your home is safe. Use flash lights, not lanterns/torches, to examine your home. Flammables may be inside!
- Do not handle live electrical equipment in wet areas.
 Electrical equipment and all appliances should be checked by a license electrician.
- Boil drinking water

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR HOME



Homeowners should consider protection for windows and doors with hard sheeting or storm shutters. Garage doors should be reinforced. The smallest pieces of wind driven as well as wave driven debris can become deadly projectiles during storms and hurricanes. BBQ's, lawn and deck furniture should be stored inside or tied down to permanent construction to prevent damage as a result of wind and wave action.

HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE to RETROFITTING

Elevation – raising your home so that the lowest floor is above the flood level.

Wet Floodproofing – makes uninhabitable parts of your home resistant to flood damage

Dry Floodproofing – seals your home to prevent water from entering

Floodwall Protection – construct barriers to prevent flood waters from entering

Demolition – rebuild a new home above the base flood elevation on the same property

For additional information on Retrofitting please contact the Building Department 609 823 2731.

FEMA GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE TO ELEVATE

The Borough of Longport is pursuing FEMA FLOOD MITI-GATION FUNDS to elevate eligible homes. The Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA) provides funding for the elevation of qualified properties in accordance with the provisions of the grant.

In order to start the process, please contact the Longport Building Department. They will provide you with the "Notice of Voluntary Interest Information Package." Submit the application along with a copy of your Elevation Certificate and NFIP Flood Insurance Policy to the building department. Questions 609-823-2731.

LONGPORT IS YOUR HOME - PLEASE HELP PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY

PROTECT OUR NATURAL FLOODPLAIN FUNCTIONS

Coastal barriers and associated wetlands and near-shore waters are especially important in maintaining the natural productivity of the coastal environment and provide invaluable habitat for fish and wildlife. The estuaries and bays protected by coastal barriers are among the most valuable and productive of all ecosystems.

Stable sand dunes play an important part in protecting the coastline. They act as a buffer against wave damage during storms, protecting the land behind from salt water intrusion. This sand barrier allows the development of more complex plant communities in areas protected from salt water inundation, sea spray and strong winds. The dunes also act as a reservoir of sand to replenish and maintain the beach at times of erosion.

Frontal sand dunes are vulnerable. The vegetation can be destroyed by natural causes such as storms, cyclones, droughts or fire, or by human interference such as clearing, grazing, vehicles or excessive foot traffic. If the vegetation cover is damaged strong winds may cause 'blowouts' or gaps in the dune ridge. Unless repaired, these increase in size; the whole dune system sometimes migrates inland covering everything in its path. Meanwhile, with a diminished reservoir of sand, erosion of the beach may lead to coastal recession.

To avoid this, protecting the vegetation is vital. The beach between high and low tides is resilient but the sensitive dunes that we cross to reach it must be protected!

PLEASE STAY OFF THE DUNES





DRAINAGE STORM WATER MANAGEMENT:

The Borough of Longport has adopted various ordinances to regulate the impact of stormwater runoff and pollutants on the environment. The following highlight the requirements and environmental benefits of these ordinances!

PET WASTE: This ordinance requires pet owners to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property. It prevents fecal contamination from impacting local waterways!

LITTER: This ordinance states that it is unlawful to throw, drop, discard or otherwise place litter of any nature upon any public or private property, other than in a litter receptacle. The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent unsightly and unsanitary conditions and prevent litter from impacting waterways!

IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE: This ordinance states that it is illegal to dispose of waste in any place not specifically designated for the purpose of solid waste storage or disposal. The purpose of the ordinance is to prevent unsanitary conditions and groundwater pollution!

YARD WASTE: Yard waste is regulated via ordinances that establish the current zone collection system and the methods of collecting leaves, brush and other yard waste. The purpose of the ordinance is to keep leaves and grass out of the storm sewer system!

Anything placed within the storm drain system will cause a danger to fish, wildlife and the natural habitat. If you see a clogged drain call Public Works 609 822 5759!



LONGPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT



Grilling Fire Safety!

Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Keep children and pets away from the grill area by declaring a 3 foot "kids free zone" around the grill. Always use long handled tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when cooking. Periodically remove fat or grease buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited by the hot grill.

DO NOT USE GRILLS INDOORS! If used indoors or in an enclosed space the grill poses both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to carbon monoxide. Never add charcoal starter fluid when the coals or kindling are already ignited. And never use flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.

Check the propane hose for leaks before using it for the first time. Do this by putting a light mix of soap and water on the hose. If there is a leak you will see bubbles in the soap and water mixture. If you discover a leak by smell or soapy water bubble test and there is no flame, turn off the propane tank and grill. When the leak stops have the grill checked by a professional before using it again.

IF THE LEAK DOES NOT STOP CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!

If you smell gas while cooking, get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill. Never store propane containers in buildings or garages. If you store a grill inside, disconnect the propane container and leave it outside. Use only equipment tested by an independent testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).



Schedule of Events 2019

July 4th – from 10 am to 12 noon – 'Police Open House' at 2305 Atlantic Avenue. Please stop by to say "hello" and enjoy a pretzel!

July 6th – from 6 to 8 pm – 'Cool Off with a Cop' at 35th and Atlantic avenues. Free water ice, water bottles, and a Police Officer in a Dunk Tank!

July 20th – 9 pm – Summer Movie Night – '*The Goonies*' Rated PG - behind Borough Hall. Please bring your own beach chair.

July 21st – till August 21st – School Supply Drive. Drop Boxes will be located in Borough Hall, the Library and the Police Department Lobby.

July 24th – 6:30 to 7:30 pm – 'Operation Conversation" at the Longport Public Library. Conversation with Longport Police, light refreshments will be available.

August 3rd – 9 to 11 am – 'Hearts Behind the Badge' at 35th and Atlantic avenues. Youth Basketball Clinic, by Ptl. Slattery, a full scholarship Division I athlete at LaSalle University.

August 10th – 8:30 pm – Summer Movie Night – Disney's 'Moana' Rated PG - behind Borough Hall. Please bring your own beach chair.

August 14th – 6:30 to 7:30 pm – 'Operation Conversation' at the Longport Public Library. Conversation with Longport Police, light refreshments will be available.